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Subj: ACCEPTANCE OF CURRENT LICENSES FOR SERVICE ON OFFSHORE SUPPLY
       VESSELS (OSV) ADMEASURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
       TONNAGE CONVENTION

1. The general policies in this paragraph apply to all of the licenses listed in paragraph three except
    the license in paragraph 3.a.

    a.   These policies only apply to a mariner who was licensed before February 1, 2002, on
    the basis of training or sea service that commenced prior to August 1, 1998. The additional
    qualifications or tonnage limitations authorized in paragraph three may be endorsed on his/her
    STCW-78 form, or as an alternative, on his/her STCW-95 form if that form is already held by the
    mariner. The additional qualifications or tonnage limitations will also be endorsed on the
    mariner's license.

    b.   If the mariner holds an STCW-78 form and wishes to qualify for an STCW-95 form, he or she
    must meet additional requirements for an STCW-95 form. For deck officers this includes
    assessment in bridge team procedures, and, if applicable, ARPA training and GMDSS operator
    training. For engineer officers, it includes qualification as proficient in the use of survival
    craft.
    For all, it includes any basic safety training specified in STCW Tables A-VI/1-1 through
    A-VI/1-4 that has not already been completed by the mariner.

2. For the license listed in paragraph 3.a., the mariner may be issued an STCW-95 form without
    completing any additional training requirements.

3. A mariner who is currently licensed or who holds an MMD endorsed as able seaman may qualify
    for service on a vessel of a different international tonnage in accordance with the policies listed
    below. For each policy, the first line indicates the present license level to which the policy
    applies, and the following lines indicate the additional qualifications or tonnage limitations, if any,
    that may be added to the license.

    a.   PRESENT LICENSE: Master or mate 200 gross registered tons, domestic, (GRT) ocean or
    near coastal.
         May have license endorsed for service on any vessel up to 500 gross tons, ITC, (GT) with
    the same route restriction.

b. PRESENT LICENSE: Master or mate 500 GRT ocean or near coastal.
   After acquiring 90 days service on the license, may have the license endorsed for service on
  OSVs up to 3,000 GT.

c. PRESENT LICENSE: Master or mate 1,600 GRT ocean or near coastal.
   May have license endorsed for service on vessels up to 3,000 GT.

   Special, vessel-specific endorsements will be considered to meet manning requirements for
  OSVs between 3,000 to 6,000 GT (ITC). The license may be limited to either a specific vessel
  or to a class of sister vessels.   The requirements for qualifying for these special endorsements are
  still to be determined.

d. PRESENT LICENSE: DDE 1,000 or 4,000 HP.
   The license may be endorsed as engineer (OSV) and if the applicant has one year of sea service
on his/her license, the license may also be endorsed as chief engineer (OSV) not more than 3,000
GT. The same route and HP restrictions of the DDE license apply.

e. PRESENT LICENSE: DDE unlimited.
   License may be endorsed as chief engineer (OSV) with the same propulsion mode

f. PRESENT LICENSE: Assistant engineer limited.
   License may be endorsed as engineer (OSV) with the same propulsion mode, HP, and route
restrictions.

g. PRESENT LICENSE: Chief engineer (limited ocean or near coastal).
   License may be endorsed as chief engineer (OSV) with the same propulsion mode, HP, and,
if applicable, route limitation.

h. PRESENT MMD: AB (OSV).
   An AB (OSV) may be issued an STCW endorsement authorizing service as a rating
forming part of a navigational watch on any OSV.

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